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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO HEVER MURDER CASE

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1. PRESS REACTION TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE PLOT TO MURDER THREE PROMINENT BLANCOS, WHICH SUCCEEDED IN KILLING MRS. HEVER, HAS BEEN POSITIVE IN ITS HANDLING OF POLICE EFFORTS TO CAPTURE THE GUILTY. STRAIGHT NEWS STORIES HAVE FOCUSED ON SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF MARIO HEBER AND CARLOS JULIO PEREYRA, ANOTHER OF THE PLOT'S TARGETS, AND THEIR STATED BELIEF THAT THE PLOT WAS AN "ACT OF TERRORISM, WITH CLEAR POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS". NEWS OF THE INVESTIGATION HAS CENTERED ON POLICE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE THE STORES WHICH SOLD THE SUBSEQUENTLY POISONED WINE AND AN EXPERT'S EFFORTS TO ANALYZE THE HANDWRITING OF THE NOTE ACCOMPANYING THE BOTTLES.

2. IN EDITORIAL REPORTING, THE PRESS HAS REACTED WITH SHOCK  
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AND OUTRAGE, A SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE POLICE AND A LAMENTATION THAT "VIOLENCE IS AGAIN ACTIVE IN OUR COUNTRY". "LA MANANA", A PRO-MILITARY MORNING DAILY, BROKE NEW GROUND IN AN 8 SEPTEMBER EDITORIAL WHEN IT AFFIRMED THE GOOD CHARACTER OF POLITICIAN HEBER, ASSERTED THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THE CRIME AND ASCRIBED IT TO AN EFFORT TO DERAIL "POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL NORMALIZATION...WITH ACTIVE POLITICAL

PARTIES AND FREE ELECTIONS". OTHER PAPERS REFLECTED THE SAME ATTITUDE, ALTHOUGH NOT AS RAPIDLY. INDEPENDENT "EL DIA" AFFIRMED THE "LA MANANA" EDITORIAL AND WENT ON TO A GENERALIZED ATTACK ON VIOLENCE AS A THEORY AND A METHOD, WHETHER USED BY THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT.

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